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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE SPREADS

REF: BELFAST 283 AND PREVIOUS

1. STREET VIOLENCE SPREAD FROM BELFAST TO LONDONDERRY
AUGUST 11 AS CROWDS IN CREGGAN AND BOGSIDE HIJACKED
ABOUT 20 VEHICLES, BURNED MANY OF THEM AND USED THEM AS
STREET BLOCKADES. THERE WERE SEVERAL SHOOTING INCIDENTS
IN LONDONDERRY AND ONE CIVILIAN DIED OF WOUNDS. APPRENTICE
BOYS PARADE LONDONDERRY PROCEEDING PEACEFULLY SO FAR.
THIRD CHILD FROM SAME FAMILY A BOY AGED THREE, DIED IN
HOSPITAL AUGUST 12 OF INJURIES RECEIVED WHEN PROVISIONAL
IRA GET-AWAY CAR CRASH ON SIDEWALK IN ANDERSONSTOWN
(REFTEL). IN BELFAST VIOLENCE EXTENDED BEYOND REPUBLICAN
AREAS AS TEEN-AGED GIRL STANDING ON SIDEWALK ON MALONE ROAD
SHOT FROM PASSING AUTOMOBILE AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. MRS.
MAIRE DRUMM SUBJECT OF ORDER SIGNED BY SECRETARY OF STATE AT
REQDST OF ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY BY WHICH SHE CAN BE
DETAINED DIVE DAYS MORE WITHOUT BEING CHARGED.

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2. THERE NEW AND INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IN BELFAST AS SEVERAL HUNDRED WOMEN IN UPPER FALLS AREA LAUNCHED "PROVISIONALS OUT" MOEMENT AUGUST 12. CATALYST SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TRAGEDY OF INNOCENT FAMILY AUGUST 10 AS DESCRIBED PARA 1 AND REFTTEL. SOME WOMEN ARE ACTUALLY ON STREETS WITH HURLING STICKS IN ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT CHILDREN AND TEEN-AGERS FROM HI-JACKING VEHICLES. MOVEMENT SEEMS TO BE GATHERING STRENGTH AND THERE MASS ANTI-PROVISIONAL IRA PROTEST RALLY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 14 AT SITE OF CAR CRASH. BELFAST REPUBLICAN CLUBS (OFFICIAL IRA) HAVE ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR WOMEN. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OTHER ANTI-VIOLENCE DEMONSTRATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND WITH NO DISCERNIBLE LASTING EFFECT. THIS ONE IS DIFFERENT IN THAT IT IS SPONTANEOUS, NO CLERY ARE INVOLVED AND IT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY RESIDENTS OF AREAS WHERE PROVISIONAL IRA STRONGEST. AT VERY LEAST PROTESTS ILLUSTRATE POPULAR FEELING ABOUT PROVISIONALS AND COULD BE FORERUNNER OF GREATER ACCEPTANCE FOR SECURITY FORCES. SPICER

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